Grand Royal Arch Chapter.

1848.

ANNUAL MEETING.

The Annual Meeting of the M.E. Grand Royal Arch Chapter of Massachusetts, was held at the Masonic Temple, Boston, on Tuesday evening, the 12th September, A. D. 1848, R. A. M. 2378.

PRESENT:

M.E. CHARLES W. MOORE,	Grand High Priest.
E. EDW'D A. RAYMOND,	Grand King, *pro tem.*
" JOEL TALBOT,	Grand Scribe.
" JOHN HEWS,	Grand Treasurer.
" THOMAS WATERMAN,	Grand Secretary.
Comp. HUGH H. TUTTLE,	Grand Marshal.
" LUCIEN B. KEITH,	Grand Steward.
" PETER C. JONES,	Committee of Charity.
" JONATHAN EMERSON,	
" JOSIAH BALDWIN,	Grand Tyler.

Permanent Members.

THOMAS TOLMAN, JOHN J. LORING,
ROBERT KEITH.

The following Chapters were represented, viz:—St. Andrew's, Saint Paul's, and Mount Horeb.

The Grand Chapter was opened in due form at 7 1-2 o'clock. The records of the last meeting read.

The following petition was presented.

"NEWBURYPORT, Sept. 7th, 5848.

To the M.E. High Priest, King and Scribe of the M.E. Grand Chapter of Royal Arch Masons of the State of Massachusetts.

GREETING:

COMPANIONS:—The undersigned, late members of King Cyrus Chapter of Royal Arch Masons in Newburyport, at the solicitation of many of our brethren, we would respectfully ask the Grand Chapter for a return of the Charter, which has so long since been surrendered, that we may again resume our labors, and transmit the degrees to others; that Royal Arch Masonry may be of that high standing, which characterized the order in Newburyport in by-gone years.

Jona. G. Johnson, John Dodge, Charles Butler, David Currier, David Hart, George Emery, Nathan Chase, John Cook, Eleazer Johnson, Jr., Stephen S. Hodge, Eben Bradbury, Wm. Wigglesworth, Geo. Greenleaf, Caleb Haskell, Joseph T. Pike, and Isaac Johnson."

The foregoing petition was referred to a Committee consisting of Comps. Tolman, Ball, and Jones, who subsequently submitted the following report, which was read and accepted, viz:

"The Committee to whom was referred the petition of David Currier and others, praying for a return of the Charter of King Cyrus Chapter, at Newburyport, ask leave to report: That the prayer of the said petitioners be granted.

THOMAS TOLMAN,
PETER C. JONES,
NAHUM BALL,
} *Committee.*"

Boston, Sept. 12, 1848.

The Committee of Finance being absent, the M.E. Grand High Priest was pleased to appoint Comps. Keith, Eaton, and Emerson, a Committee to audit the Grand Treasurer's account for the past year. This Committee having attended to that duty, presented the following report, which was read and accepted, and is as follows, viz:

The Special Committee of Finance of the Grand Royal Arch Chapter of Massachusetts, having examined the Grand Treasurer's account for the past financial year, now ask leave to present the following report, viz:

The Grand Treasurer had in his hands at the last settlement the sum of		$71 46
He has received from the Chapters under this jurisdiction the past year, the sum of		115 00
Making the sum of		$186 46
He has paid sundry bills against the Grand Chapter, amounting to	$105 55	
Leaving a balance in the Treasury of .	80 91	
		$186 46

The account of the Grand Treasurer, is as usual, correctly kept and properly vouched.

All which is respectfully submitted by

ROBERT KEITH,
WILLIAM EATON,
JONA. EMERSON,
} *Committee of Finance.*

The Grand Chapter then went into Committee of the whole for the choice of officers. M.E. Edward A. Raymond was called to the chair, and Comps. Ball, Jones, aud F. C. Raymond, were appointed a Committee to collect, sort and count the votes. A return of the Grand Chapter having been made, it was found there were seventeen voters present.

The following companions were unanimously elected to the several offices set against their names, viz:

M.E. Charles W. Moore, . . .	Grand High Priest.
M.E. Gilbert Nurse, . . .	Dep. G. High Priest.
E. William Eaton, . . .	Grand King.
" Lucien B. Keith, . . .	Grand Scribe.
" John Hews, ...	Grand Treasurer.
" Thomas Waterman, . . .	Grand Secretary.

The Committee of the whole then rose, and by their Chairman, reported the foregoing elections, which were unanimously approved by the Grand Chapter. The officers elect were then duly qualified and installed by the M.E. Grand High Priest.

The following appointments were then announced from the chair, and approved by the Grand Chapter, viz:

Comp. Hugh H. Tuttle, . .	Grand Marshal.
Rev. George M. Randall, " Albert Case,	Grand Chaplains.
Comp. Winslow Lewis, Jr., " Samuel Millard,	Grand Stewards.
" Simon W. Robinson, " Robert Keith,	Grand Lecturers.
" Simon W. Robinson, " Gilbert Nurse, " John R. Bradford,	Committee of Finance.
" John Hews, " Peter C. Jones, " Jonathan Emerson, " Stephen Lovell,	Committee of Charity.
" Josiah Baldwin, . .	Grand Tyler.

On motion of M.E. Comp. Raymond, it was *Voted*, That the sum of fifteen dollars be paid to the Grand Secretary as a compensation for his services the past year.

Voted, That the sum of twenty dollars be paid from the funds of this Grand Chapter, to the Boston Masonic Board of Relief, to be expended in charity.

Parts of lectures were given on the Mark and Royal Arch degrees, and the Grand Chapter closed in due form at 9 1-2 o'clock.

Attest,

THOMAS WATERMAN,
Grand Secretary.

The following endorsement was made on the Charter of King Cyrus Chapter, Newburyport.

At the Annual Meeting of the Grand Royal Arch Chapter of Massachusetts, in Boston, on the 12th day of September, A. D. 1848, A. L. 5848; on the petition of J. G. Johnson and others, late members of King Cyrus Chapter, praying that the Charter of said Chapter may be restored to them, whereupon it was *Voted*, That the prayer of the petitioners be granted, and the companions aforesaid are hereby authorized and empowered to organize said Chapter and resume their Masonic labors; always conforming to the Rules and Regulations of our said Grand Chapter.

Attest,

Thomas Waterman, *Grand Secretary.*

The following return was made to the M.E. General Grand Royal Arch Chapter of the United States.

The Annual Meeting of the M.E. Grand Royal Arch Chapter of Massachusetts, was held in Boston, on the 12th day of September, 1848, when the following officers were unanimously elected, viz:

M.E. Charles W. Moore,	Grand High Priest.
M.E. Gilbert Nurse,	Deputy Grand High Priest.
E. William Eaton,	Grand King.
" Lucien B. Keith,	Grand Scribe.
Comp. John Hews,	Grand Treasurer.
" Thomas Waterman,	Grand Secretary.

Copy of the records.

Attest, THOMAS WATERMAN,
Grand Secretary.

List of Chapters under this jurisdiction.

St. Andrew's,	Boston.
St. Paul's,	Boston.
Adoniram,	New Bedford.
Morning Star,	Springfield.
Mount Zion,	Stoughton.
Worcester,	Worcester.
Mount Horeb,	Lowell.
Sutton,	Sutton.
Thomas,	Fitchburg.
Northampton,	Northampton.
King Cyrus,	Newburyport.

GRAND R. A. CHAPTER OF MASSACHUSETTS,
BOSTON, 5th December, 1848.

To CHARLES GILMAN, Esq., *Gen'l Grand Sec'y of the General Grand R. A. Chapter of the United States, Baltimore, Md.*

Dear Sir,—In conformity with the requirements of the General Grand Royal Arch Constitution, I herewith transmit a list of the officers of the Grand Royal Arch Chapter of Massachusetts, elected on the 12th of September last, together with a list of the Chapters under this jurisdiction.

I have the honor to remain,

Respectfully and fraternally your ob't servant,

THOMAS WATERMAN, *Grand Secretary.*

[INFORMAL SPECIAL MEETING.]

The Masonic Fraternity having accepted the invitation of the City authorities, to unite with other bodies of their fellow citizens, in celebrating the introduction of the waters of Lake Cochituate into the city, the Grand Royal Arch Chapter of Massachusetts, was convened at the Masonic Temple, in Boston, on Wednesday, the 25th of October, 1848, at 9 o'clock, A. M.

PRESENT:

M.E. Gilbert Nurse,	Gr. High Priest, *pro tem.*
E. James W. Murray,	Dep. Gr. High Priest, *p. t.*
" Amos Bates,	Grand King, *pro tem.*
" Wm. Makepeace, Jr.,	Grand Scribe, *pro tem.*
" John Hews,	Grand Treasurer.
" Thomas Waterman,	Grand Secretary.
Comp. John K. Hall,	Grand Marshal, *pro tem.*
" Ezekiel Bates, " ——— ———,	Grand Stewards, *pro tem.*
" ——— ———,	Grand Tyler, *pro tem.*

At 10 o'clock, the Grand Chapter, with several other Masonic bodies, under escort of the Roston Encampment of Knights Templars, marched to Pemberton Square, and subsequently joined in the procession, which proceeded through the principal streets of the city, and arrived at the Common about 5 P. M. After witnessing the letting on of the water, the operation of the fountain, and the various ceremonies connected therewith, the Grand Chapter returned to the Temple, when the members separated.

Attest,

THOMAS WATERMAN,
Grand Secretary.

STATED MEETING.

A Stated Meeting of the M.E. Grand Royal Arch Chapter of Massachusetts, was held at the Masonic Temple, Boston, 12th December, A. D. 1848, R. A. M. 2378.

PRESENT:

M.E. CHARLES W. MOORE,	Grand High Priest.
M.E. GILBERT NURSE,	Deputy Grand High Priest.
E. WILLIAM EATON,	Grand King.
" LUCIEN B. KEITH,	Grand Scribe.
" JOHN HEWS,	Grand Treasurer.
" THOMAS WATERMAN,	Grand Secretary.
Rev. BENJAMIN HUNTOON,	Grand Chaplain, *pro tem.*
Comp. HUGH H. TUTTLE,	Grand Marshal.
" SAMUEL MILLARD,	Grand Steward.
" PETER C. JONES, " JONA. EMERSON, " STEPHEN LOVELL,	Committee of Charity.
" JOSIAH BALDWIN,	Grand Tyler.

Permanent Members.

PAUL DEAN,	THOMAS TOLMAN,
JOHN B. HAMMATT,	EDW'D A. RAYMOND.

The following Chapters were represented, viz:— St. Andrew's, St. Paul's, Mount Zion, Mount Horeb, and Thomas.

The Grand Chapter was opened in due form at seven o'clock. The records of the last meeting read.

Voted, That the Grand Marshal be a Committee to examine the regalia of this Grand Chapter, and make such repairs as may be found necessary.

As the jewel and sash of the Grand Scribe have been missing since the celebration of the 25th of October last, it

was *Voted*, That the Grand Secretary enquire of the companion who wore the same on that occasion, in order that these articles may be restored.

The Grand Secretary was directed to write to all delinquent Chapters under this jurisdiction, requesting them to forward their returns and pay up their dues, for the past year.

The lectures on the Mark and Royal Arch degrees were given, and the Grand Chapter closed in due form.

Attest,

THOMAS WATERMAN,
Grand Secretary.

[CIRCULAR TO DELINQUENT CHAPTERS.]

BOSTON, 15th December, 1848.

Dear Sir,—I am directed by the Grand High Priest of the Grand Royal Arch Chapter of Massachusetts, to request that you would forward the return of your Chapter for the past year, together with the fees that may be due to the Grand Chapter.

With great regard,

I am fraternally yours,

THOMAS WATERMAN, *Grand Secretary.*

Copies of the above were sent by mail to Levi Rawson of Sutton Chapter, at Sutton; Rev. Albert Case of Worcester Chapter, at Worcester; Stephen C. Bemis of Morning Star Chapter, Springfield; Oliver Swain of Adoniram Chapter, New Bedford.

STATED MEETING.

A Stated Meeting of the M.E. Grand Royal Arch Chapter of Massachusetts, was held at the Masonic Temple, Boston, on Tuesday, 12th March, A. D. 1849.

PRESENT:

M.E. CHARLES W. MOORE,	Grand High Priest.
E. WILLIAM EATON,	Grand King.
" JOHN B. HAMMATT,	Grand Scribe, *pro tem.*
" JOHN HEWS,	Grand Treasurer.
" THOMAS WATERMAN,	Grand Secretary.
Rev. GEO. M. RANDALL,	Grand Chaplain.
Comp. HUGH H. TUTTLE,	Grand Marshal.
" ROBERT KEITH,	Grand Lecturer.
" SAMUEL MILLARD,	Grand Steward.
" STEPHEN LOVELL,	Committee of Charity.
" PETER C. JONES,	
" JONATHAN EMERSON,	
" JOSIAH BALDWIN,	Grand Tyler.

Permanent Members.

REV. BENJ. HUNTOON,	ROBERT KEITH,
JOHN J. LORING,	EDW'D A. RAYMOND.

The following Chapters were represented, viz:—St. Andrew's, St. Paul's, Mount Zion, Worcester, Mount Horeb, Sutton, Thomas, and King Cyrus.

The Grand Chapter was opened in ample form, with prayer by the Rev. Grand Chaplain, and the records of the last meeting were read.

Comp. Tuttle, who was appointed a Committee at the last meeting, to examine the regalia of the Grand Chapter, reported that he had discharged the duty devolving upon him by that appointment.

Voted, That a set of jewels, surrendered to this Grand Chapter by the late Concord Chapter, of Concord, be loaned to King Cyrus Chapter, Newburyport, on condition that the same shall be returned when called for.

Voted to accept the invitation of St. Mark's Lodge, Newburyport, to unite with that body in celebrating the ensuing anniversary of the Festival of St. John the Baptist, on the 23d of June next.

The following preamble and resolution, were offered by M.E. Comp. Edward A. Raymond, and unanimously adopted, viz:

"*Whereas*, Our M.E. Comp. A. A. Dame, after having faithfully and acceptably served this Grand Chapter as its Treasurer for a period of twenty-one years, and having retired from the office at a time, when the funds were in a very low condition; and whereas, it is never too late to acknowledge and reward faithful services:

Therefore, *Resolved*, That a Committee of three be appointed to procure and present to M.E. Comp. A. A. Dame, some suitable token, of the respect and esteem of this Grand Chapter, and of their appreciation of his services."

The Chair appointed M.E. Comps. E. A. Raymond, J. J. Loring, and J. B. Hammatt, a Committee in conformity with the foregoing resolution.

Some difference of opinion being found to exist, among the officers and members of this Grand Chapter, in relation to the mode of work in conferring the Past Master's degree, it was *Voted*, That M.E. Comps. Raymond, Loring, and Hammatt, be a Committee to take this subject into consideration, and report at the next meeting of the Grand Chapter.

The lectures on the Mark, Past Master's and Most Excellent Master's degrees, and part of a lecture on the Royal Arch degree, were given, and the Grand Chapter closed in ample form, with a solemn invocation to Deity.

Attest,

THOMAS WATERMAN,
Grand Secretary.

STATED MEETING.

A Stated Meeting of the M.E. Grand Royal Arch Chapter of Massachusetts, was held at the Masonic Temple, Boston, on Tuesday evening, the 12th of June, A. D. 1849, R. A. M. 2379.

PRESENT:

M.E. GILBERT NURSE, . .	Deputy Grand High Priest.
E. WILLIAM EATON, . .	Grand King.
" LUCIEN B. KEITH, . .	Grand Scribe.
" JOHN HEWS, . . .	Grand Treasurer.
" THOMAS WATERMAN, .	Grand Secretary.
Rev. GEORGE M. RANDALL, .	Grand Chaplain.
Comp. HUGH H. TUTTLE, . .	Grand Marshal.
" SAMUEL MILLARD, . .	Grand Steward.
" JOHN R. BRADFORD, .	Committee of Finance.
" STEPHEN LOVELL,	Committee of Charity.
" PETER C. JONES,	
" JONATHAN EMERSON,	
" ROBERT KEITH, . .	Grand Lecturer.
" JOSIAH BALDWIN, . .	Grand Tyler.

Permanent Members.

JOHN B. HAMMATT, E. A. RAYMOND.

The following Chapters were represented, viz:— St. Andrew's, St. Paul's, and Mount Horeb.

The Grand Royal Arch Chapter was opened in due form, and the record of the last stated meeting read by the Grand Secretary.

M.E. Comp. E. A. Raymond, in behalf of the Committee appointed at the last meeting of this Grand Chapter, to present to M.E. Abraham A. Dame, some suitable token, expressive of the approbation of this Grand Chapter for his services as Grand Treasurer, reported progress, and at his request, the Committee were granted further time.

The Committee appointed at the last meeting, on the Past Master's degree, were also granted further time.

Voted, That the M.E. Grand High Priest be requested to take such measures as he shall deem expedient and proper, to produce an uniformity of work and lectures in the several Chapters under this jurisdiction.

Voted, That this Grand Chapter will attend the celebration of the Festival of St. John the Baptist, at Newburyport, on the 26th of June inst., agreeably to an invitation from St. Mark's Lodge.

Voted, That Comp. Hugh H. Tuttle, be appointed a Committee in conjunction with the other Masonic institutions of the city, to make all necessary arrangements for the accommodation of the members of this Grand Chapter who shall attend the celebration aforesaid.

A letter of invitation was received from a Committee of Portland and Ancient Landmark Lodges, inviting this Grand Chapter to unite with those bodies in celebrating the Festival of St. John, on the 26th inst., at Portland.

The Grand Secretary was directed to reply to this communication, and inform the brethren at Portland that this

Grand Chapter had previously accepted a similar invitation from Newburyport.

The lecture on the Royal Arch degree was given, and the Grand Chapter closed in due form, with an invocation to Deity by the Rev. Grand Chaplain.

Attest,

THOMAS WATERMAN,
Grand Secretary.

The following is a list of the Chapters under the jurisdiction of the Grand Royal Arch Chapter of Massachusetts.

St. Andrew's, Boston,	Charter dated A. L.	5769
King Cyrus, Newburyport,	do.	5790
Adoniram, New Bedford,	do.	5816
Morning Star, Springfield,	do.	5817
St. Paul's, Boston,	do.	5818
Mount Zion, Stoughton,	do.	5820
Thomas, Fitchburg,	do.	5821
Worcester, Worcester,	do.	5823
Northampton, Northampton,	do.	5825
Mount Horeb, Lowell,	do.	5826
Sutton, Sutton,	do.	5826

The Stated Communications are held in Boston, on the Tuesday next preceding the second Wednesday in March, June, September and December. The Massachusetts Convention of High Priests hold their meetings in Boston, on the same days.

Communications to the Grand Chapter may be directed to Thomas Waterman, Grand Secretary, Boston.